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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU EXTENDS REPLY COMMENT DUE DATE  
IN THE COMMISSION'S ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER  
AND HIGH-COST PROCEEDING**

**CC Docket No. 96-45**

**Release Date: August 26, 2004**

On June 8, 2004, the Federal Communications Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) inviting interested parties to comment on the *Recommended Decision* of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service concerning the process for designation of eligible telecommunications carriers and the Commission's rules regarding high-cost universal service support.<sup>1</sup> The NPRM stated that comments were due 30 days after publication in the Federal Register, and reply comments were due 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.<sup>2</sup>

Based upon publication of notice in the Federal Register, comments were due August 6, 2004, and reply comments are due September 7, 2004.<sup>3</sup> Due to the complexity and volume of the record in this proceeding, the Wireline Competition Bureau extends the deadline for reply comments to September 21, 2004.

For further information, contact Gina Spade or Thomas Buckley, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400, TTY (202) 418-0484.

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<sup>1</sup>See *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 04-127 (rel. June 8, 2004) (*ETC High-Cost NPRM*); *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Recommended Decision, CC Docket No. 96-45, 19 FCC Rcd 4257 (2004).

<sup>2</sup>See *ETC High-Cost NPRM*.

<sup>3</sup>69 Fed. Reg. 40839-01 (July 7, 2004).